

Human Services Council Meeting
November 16, 2015, 7:30 PM
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Absent</i>
Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Absent</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Absent</i>	William Kogler	<i>Excused</i>
Steven Bloom	<i>Present</i>	Rev. LaVerne McCain Gill	<i>Absent</i>
Jeff Dannick	<i>Present</i>	Michele Menapace	<i>Present</i>
Kenneth (Mark) Deal	<i>Absent</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Present</i>
Jack Dobbyn	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Poje	<i>Present</i>
Robert Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Sergio Rimola	<i>Excused</i>
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	<i>Present</i>	Adrienne Walters	<i>Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Absent</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
Staff:			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Michelle Gregory, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>
Ronald McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and County Staff: Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland, Senator George Barker, Debbie Gutierrez, Louise Cleveland, Carita Parks, Pam Michel, Lloyd Tucker, Karla Bruce, David Levine, Anne Andrews, Matthew Bell, Rosalyn Foroobar, Mary Preston, Tracy Steffek

Welcome and Overview – Chairman Kevin Bell opened the meeting at 7:42 p.m. welcoming members to the South County Government Center.

Chairman Bell welcomed Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland to the meeting highlighting his successful seven-term career on the Board of Supervisors and dedication to human services initiatives. Chairman Bell and the Human Services Council presented Supervisor Hyland with a certificate acknowledging his various accomplishments and dedicated public service over more than 28 years. Council members shared their thoughts, emphasizing Supervisor Hyland's meaningful public service and work in conjunction with local area non-profits.

Senator George Barker recognized Supervisor Hyland's contributions, specifically mentioning his work in organizing the Human Services Council and efforts to keep Mt. Vernon Hospital open to the public. Pam Michel spoke on behalf of the non-profits in the Mt. Vernon district noting that Supervisor Hyland's leadership was instrumental in opening the Bryant Early Learning (BEL) Center as well as New Hope Housing. Pam thanked Supervisor Hyland for his service and celebrated his ability to listen to constituents and bring the community together.

Region 1 Highlights – Lloyd Tucker, Region 1 Manager for Neighborhood and Community Services, presented an overview of human services initiatives specific to the region. Lloyd distributed a Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) map, illustrating the types of calls received for basic needs. Lloyd explained that this type of data helps to inform county staff and community organizations on where to best coordinate efforts. Lloyd also shared an Equity Matters handout outlining how the human services system approaches their work using an equity lens from cradle to career. The last handout, provided to the Council on Opportunity Neighborhood summarized a framework of how information and data are used to measure outcomes and accomplishments in the Region 1 area.

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Lloyd offered some examples of how the region has worked strategically in coordination with faith-based organizations and local non-profits to reach shared goals with the human services system.

Human Services Trends and Emerging Needs Update – Debbie Gutierrez, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, updated the Council on general human services system trends and themes surrounding the six focus areas. Debbie explained how the information is used to inform providers and stakeholders within the system. Trends include a lack of affordable housing for older adults and individuals with disabilities, an increasing number of children in poverty and an increasingly diverse population lacking English proficiency skills which are inhibiting their ability to become socially connected and economically successful.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – The minutes from the October 19, 2015, meeting were approved and accepted.

Announcements – Steve Bloom reminded the Council to meet with their respective Supervisors.

The next full membership meeting on December 21, 2015, will be held at the Merrifield Center in Conference Room 3-409A.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.